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Ladies and Gentlemen

Please help us to continue our mission of helping individuals with disabilities achieve independence -- do not allow an amending of the "right-to-reject" rule on June 12!

Because our Center is a non-profit organization that relies heavily on the support of the local community, the FCC ruling, if passed, could greatly effect the outcome of the uncompensated care we provide to children with disabilities.

Approximately 15% of our funding for uncompensated care comes from the support of our friends and neighbors who watch our local broadcasting of the Easter Seal Network Celebration; therefore, it is essential that local stations be permitted to air these programs.

Your decision could effect our children's future. Please vote against the "right-to-reject" rule.

Sincerely

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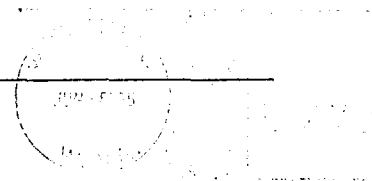


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Easter Seal Rehabilitation Center-Wheeling

• Directions •

- From I-70E: Take Exit 2B, turn left and follow Washington Avenue to 2nd traffic light, turn right. The Center is 1/2 block from the intersection on the left.
- From I-70W: Take Exit 2B, turn right and follow Washington Avenue to 2nd traffic light, turn right. The Center is 1/2 block from the intersection on the left.
- From Route 7, North (Ohio): Take I-70E (refer to above directions).
- From Route 7, South (Ohio): Take I-70E (refer to above directions).
- From Route 2, North (WV): Take I-70E (refer to above directions).
- From Route 2, South (WV): Take I-70E (refer to above directions).

Easter Seal Rehabilitation Center-St. Clairsville

• Directions •

- From 70 East: Take Exit 215 and make a left onto Route 40. Travel 4/10 of a mile. Plaza West is on the right.
- From 70 West: Take Exit 215 and make a right onto Route 40. Travel 4/10 of a mile. Plaza West is on the right.
- From Route 7, North: Take 70 West (refer to above directions).
- From Route 7, South: Take 70 West (refer to above directions).
- From Route 2, North: Take 70 West (refer to above directions).
- From Route 2, South: Take 70 West (refer to above directions).

To make an appointment call:
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An Affiliate of:
Wheeling Society for Crippled Children
National Easter Seal Society

Accredited by:
Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities
(CARF), Since 1977

Licensed by:
WV Department of Health and Human Resources
Division of Behavioral Health
Medicare

Member:
Ohio County Interagency Council
Family Resources Networks in WV Region
Early Intervention County Collaborative Groups-Ohio

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*Programs and facility comply with Section 504
of the Rehabilitation Act*

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Mission Statement

The mission of the Easter Seal Rehabilitation Center is to enhance the development of individuals with special needs to their fullest potential through habilitation and/or rehabilitation programs, individual and family support services, and advocacy.

To accomplish this goal the Easter Seal Rehabilitation Center offers a wide range of outpatient rehabilitation programs for people with disabilities. All individuals are provided with a comprehensive treatment plan upon initial evaluation by a team of specialists. This team may include a physiatrist (physician certified in physical medicine and rehabilitation), physical therapist, occupational therapist, speech/language pathologist, audiologist, social worker, and child development specialist.

General Information

The Easter Seal Rehabilitation Center was founded in 1937 as the Wheeling Society for Crippled Children and continues as a not-for-profit facility providing screenings, evaluations, early intervention, rehabilitation and early childhood education to children who display developmental and communicative problems. These problems may affect daily activities such as walking, sitting, dressing, talking, feeding, learning, and eating. The goal of these services is to help each individual to function as independently as possible. The Social Services Department provides support, guidance, and counseling to families and individuals. Services are offered to all individuals regardless of sex, race, color, national origin, religion, or disability. Children are not denied services due to the inability to pay.

A sliding fee schedule is available to accommodate a payment based on financial capabilities. A financial counselor is available to provide assistance and answer financial questions.

Staff

Quality of treatment is the primary concern at the Easter Seal Rehabilitation Center. The staff is experienced in working with individuals of all ages. All physicians, educators, and therapists are certified and licensed in their respective fields. Several individuals on staff hold certifications in Neuro Developmental Treatment and Neuro Developmental Treatment of Babies. Sensory Integration Praxis Tests are available upon request.

Early Intervention Services – Part H

The Early Intervention Team consists of highly trained specialists (physiatrist, physical therapist, occupational therapist, speech/language pathologist, audiologist, social worker, and child development specialist) who work together with the child (0-3 years of age) and his/her caregivers.



Early Intervention Services Part H Include:

- Individualized Family Service Plan
- Early Intervention Therapy Program – Center-Based and Home-Based
- L.E.A.P. (Learning Education Activities Through Play)
- Developmental Hot Line
- Parent-to-Parent (hospital visitation to parents of newborn infants with disabilities)
- Parents Support/Education
- Advocacy



Outpatient Rehabilitation Program

The therapists in the Outpatient Rehabilitation Program provide rehabilitative services to individuals with varying disabilities. These disabilities may inhibit daily activities such as walking, talking, sitting, dressing, and eating. The goal of our therapists is to help these individuals achieve their highest level of functioning.

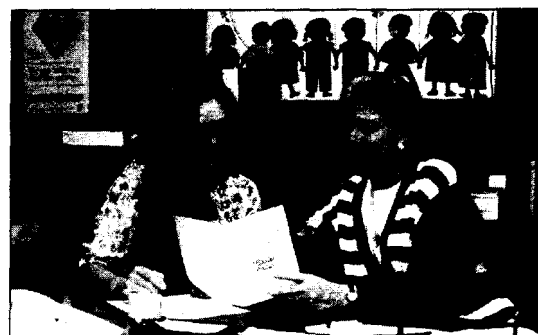


Services include:

- Assistive Technology Clinics
- Orthotic and Prosthetic Clinics
- Audiological Evaluations
- Cognitive Evaluations
- Preschool Developmental Classes
- Medical Consultations
- Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
- Early Intervention
- Occupational Therapy
- Physical Therapy
- Pool Therapy
- Psychological Evaluations
- Social Services/Service Coordination
- Speech/Language Therapy
- Hippo Therapy
(therapeutic horseback riding)

Ancillary Services

- Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) Surveys
- Redirecting Children's Behavior (parenting classes)
- Center Tours for groups/individuals
- Community Education and Advocacy
- Emoclew Club (young adult support group)
- Equipment Loan
- Information and Referral
- Medical and Professional Advisory Committee
- Parent Support/Parent Education
- Speakers Bureau (appropriate for civic groups, schools, and colleges)
- Transition to public and private agencies
- Community Cabinet



Screenings

Screenings performed for community agencies by our professional staff include:

- Developmental
- Postural
- Speech/Language/Hearing

Volunteers

Volunteers are valued for the time, talent and energy which they bring to the Center.

Volunteers are needed to support:

- Children in therapy
- Fund-raising events
- Easter Seal Network Celebration
- Clerical staff
- Easter Seal Auxiliary

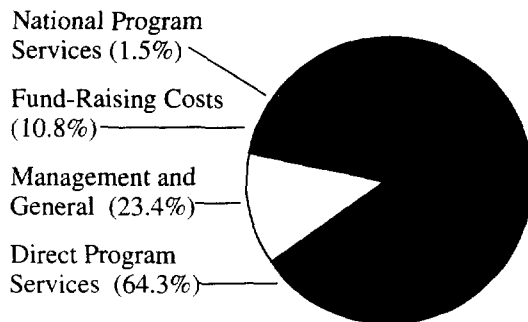
Outreach Programs

Outreach services are available to better serve those families that live outside of the Center's main site which is located in Ohio County. In West Virginia, services are available in Hancock, Brooke, Marshall and Wetzel Counties. In Ohio, services are available in Belmont and Monroe Counties with programs to be developed in Jefferson and Harrison Counties.

Income

The Easter Seal Rehabilitation Center is funded and supported in a variety of ways: Easter Seal Network Celebration, memorials, bequests, individual and group contributions, endowments, fees and the Wheeling Society for Crippled Children.

Expenditures



Disabilities Treated Include:

- Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD)
- Amputee
- Aphasia
- Arthritis
- Cerebral Palsy
- Cleft Lip and Cleft Palate
- Congenital Anomalies
- Congenital Syndromes
- Contractures
- Chronic BPD
- Delayed Speech and Language
- Developmental Delay
- Down Syndrome
- Hearing Impairment and Deafness
- Muscular Dystrophy
- Neurological Impairments
- Orthopedic Birth Defects
- Prematurity
- Seizure Disorders
- Sensory Integration Deficit (SI)
- Spina Bifida
- Stuttering

GIVE TO THE FUTURE

Your bequest and tax-deductible personal donation ensure the availability of quality rehabilitative programs for future generations. Contact the Easter Seal Rehabilitation Center at (304) 242-1390 to find out how you can make the future better.